(b) There are 78 centrally protected monuments in the State of Orissa and 12 in the State of Jharkhand.

ASI has proposed 36 monuments in Orissa and 4 in Jharkhand for structural conservation, chemical preservation and environmental development during the financial year 2008-09.

Tilting of Qutub Minar

172. SHRI BHARATKUMAR RAUT: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 'Qutub Minar" is tilting;

(b) what are the findings of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in this regard; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) The Survey of India has conducted geodetic survey of Qutub Minar in to the year 2005 at the behest of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) study its verticality. In its report submitted to ASI last year, the Survey of India has not concluded any tilt with certainty due to lack of high frequency data. It has recommended to carry out geodetic observations every year so as to keep vigil on the stability of the monument.

Archaeological Survey of India is taking all measures to ensure that no damage is caused to the structure.

Victoria Memoria

173. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 352 replied on 21st October, 2008 and state:

(a) the details of the current Board of Trustees constituted under the Victoria Memorial Act, 1903 indicating the number of years served by each, excluding ex-officio members;

(b) when did CBI commenced verification of complaints against the officials indicating current status of that exercise;

(c) whether the official against who complaint has been made is continuing in office with unhindered power *inter alia* to influence the inquiry against himself;

(d) if so, rational thereof; and

(e) the details of three member inquiry Committee constituted by the Board of Trustee indicating current status of its inquiry?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Culture established under an Act of Parliament. The responsibility for management and administration of the Memorial rest with its Board of Trustees. The details of non ex-officio members on the Board of Trustees under Victoria Memorial Act, 1903, as amended from time to time, are placed at Statement (See below).

(b) to (e) In April, 2008, CBI commenced verification of information related to issues of malpractices and alleged misappropriation raised in a representation made by employees of Victoria